



A native of Austin, Texas and a graduate of Southwest Texas State University, Captain Paul A. Hernandez was assigned as company commander of Army and Army Reserve recruiting in and around the St. Paul, Minnesota area on May 16, 2006.

He was commissioned in 1998 as a second lieutenant in the U.S. Army. Upon completion of the Armor Officer Basic Course, his first duty station was Ft. Hood, Texas, where he was assigned to the 1st Cavalry, 1st Battalion, 9th Cavalry Regiment (Mechanized). Hernandez served as a platoon leader and executive officer for C Company, 1st Battalion, 9th Cavalry Regiment (Mechanized), then as the battalion maintenance officer. He then finished as an executive officer for D Company, 1st Battalion, 9th Cavalry Regiment (Mechanized). After changing his branch to Military Intelligence, Captain Hernandez served as the assistant brigade intelligence officer for 3rd Brigade (Grey Wolf), 1st Cavalry Division.

Following the Military Intelligence Transition Course, Military Intelligence Captain's Career Course, the Combined Arms Services Staff School and Signals Intelligence Analyst Course, he was assigned to the 25th Infantry Division (Light), as the assistant operations officer for the division's intelligence section. In March 2004, Hernandez deployed with 2nd Battalion, 27th Infantry Regiment as a maneuver battalion senior intelligence officer in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. Hernandez then served as an assistant intelligence operations officer for Joint Task Force-76 before redeploying in February 2005. He then served as the battalion supply officer for Headquarters and Headquarters Company, Special Troops Battalion.

The recruiting commander's decorations include Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal with two Oak Leaf Clusters, the Army Achievement Medal, Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, the Army Service Ribbon and National Defense Service Medal with a star device.